



Takin' The Plunge

On occasion, I'll arrive home from work to be greeted by a mouth-watering chocolate cake smothered with rich, creamy icing. As I tip-toe toward it, knowing what is to come, I inevitably hear those dreaded words "Don't touch the cake, it's for guests." (Yeah, like they're going to eat all of it.) Naturally, I'm caught thirty seconds later with a finger-full of icing on my way to get a fork.

My innocent rebellion is completely harmless. There are occasions, however, when a problem with authority can lead to more serious consequences than your wife not talking to you for the rest of the night.

This fella is a good example. He's diving into the water right in front of a "no diving" sign. As spectators of this buffoon's befuddling attempt at a backward belly flop, we can only hope that he's checked the area out first. Still, there must be a good reason for that sign to be there -- be it shallow or polluted water, hidden, sub-surface obstacles, or escaped piranhas. Almost certainly someone got hurt doing the same thing, which prompted authorities to post the warning.

For all of you folks who plan to engage in water-related activities this summer, I urge you to read and heed posted warnings and restrictions. If there are none posted, check the area out first (even if you're familiar with it) to make sure there are no hidden hazards lurking beneath the surface.